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HOUSE FOR CONSCRIPTION BY OVERWHELMING VOTE BRITISH ARMY TURNS "WOTAN EMERGENCY LINE" GERMAN LAWMAKERS CALL FOR GENERAL STRIKE

VALUE EXPERT **DEFENDS ACTS**

Causes Sensation at Hearing Before Public Utilities Commission.

TERMS W. R & E. 'DIRTY DOG'

Declares Official Told Him Company Would Not Co-operate.

a utility that refuses to co-operate in the work of valuations, and then "goes back" on its position, Charles L. Pillsbury, chief engineer of the valuation bureau, produced a sensation at the hearing before the Public Utilities Commission today on the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

In the midst of his cross-examinaion of Mr. Pillsbury, reference was the company, to the statement in Pillsbury's report that the comarrive at fair values.
"Is there any case in which you

have asked for information as to 'hidand have been refused," hour, referring to a por-illabury's report. Says . romise Was Broken.

Pillsbur. "I should like to say this.
This matter involves me very much.
I am sorry I referred to hidden mat. France, lays a bronze palm leaf on the sarcophagus.

Brief tributes will be paid the memory of Washington in addresses by and had their refusal in writing. Brief tributes will be paid the memory of Washington in addresses by one officials of the company and had their refusal in writing. Brief tributes will be paid the memory of Washington in addresses by one to officials of the company time and time again and had them time and time again. The time and time again and time again and time again. The time and time again and time again and time agai "Innumerable, cases," replied Mr. saying now is the truth, if I ever

I respected the company in its atof them so, and told my men they should treat the company as if they were co-operating with us and that son I am unable to prove any of these things. I think the company that will take that position and then go back on it, as you know and as the officials of the company know—take that position and now try to take it back—is a dirty dog."

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Quotes Company's Report. "You are not speaking the truth

"I think you all know it," was the answer.

"You are not speaking the truth

when you make that statement," re-terated Mr. Barbour. right, that is all I can say"

splied Mr. Pillsbury.
Pressed by Mr. Barbourt for the times of the officials who had said was not the company's inclination to the quietude and sectuation of his co-operate with the valuation but office at the Long mansion today to au, Mr. Filisbury said that Harold write the inscription to be placed on imert, the company's expert, has glied at his office and told the wit rese that he had tried to get the sany to co-operate and that it had re-

"Were there others," inquired Mr.

There were," said Mr. Pillsbury, "I nn name a half dozen, but I shall have to consider whether I shall do so or

the utilities regarding the wors of val-vations, Mr. Pilisbury said that the Capital Traction Company, if certain and headed by Dr. Phillips, principal of the school, called at the Secretary's had furnished prepared special draw-ings and blue-prints, and that officials were always willing to discuss any fea-

the valuation bureau.

The lack of co-operation in the work of the valuations of the Wash ington Railway and Electric Company was not so detrimental as in the case of the Potomac Electric Power Company, Mr. Pillsbury said, but the work of the valuation bureau would have been facilitated and the cost dereased in both cases, he declared, had e utilities shown a different atti-

Mr. Pillsbury, in his replies to Mr. arbour, did not raise his voice above | dollars' worth of food, particularly So is ordinary conversational tones, but of the camestness in defending the catatements in his report regarding but at the catatements in his report regarding but the catatements are catatements and the catatements are catatements. he alleged failure of the company to

operate was evident The beginning of Mr. Pillsbury's estimony was confined to a statement his methods in the work of valua-rions, which included, he said, only the property used by and useful to the company in the District of Columbia. limiting the valuations to propert in the District, Mr. Pillsbury said, he was acting under the instruction of Dr. E. W. Bemis, director of the val-

Compartment Drawing-Room Sleepopen 10 p. m. Leave Union Station Washington 12:25 a. m.—Advl.

OFF WITH BERLIN

Secretary Lansing today announced receipt of advices that Guatemala had broken off relations with Germany.

The Guatemalan government offered to the United States her territorial waters, ports, and railways for use in the common defense against Germany.

The action of Guatemala is of utmost importance since the relations between that government and Mexico have been strained and Guatemala's action in breaking with Germany may have a restraining influence on German propagandists in Mexico.

VISIT TO MT. VERNON AN EPOCHAL EVENT

valuation of the properties of the Britain Will Pay First Public Tribute to Memory of Washington.

Transcending even the epochal events in Washington since the arpany had declined to co-operate with rival of the British and French com-the valuation bureau in its endeavor missions, a little drama of historymissions, a little drama of historymaking significance will be enacted at Mt. Vernon tomorrow afternoon. For the first time Great Britain will

Secretary Balfour, to the memory of George Washington, who freed the thirteen original colonies from the domination of the British.

of the palm leaf and wreath on the ward Greenland hill. tomb would be "more than mere ges-tures" and that the tributes would

man Padgett, chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee; army and navy officers, and Gov. Henry Carter Stuart of Virginia will accompany the commission to Mt. Vernon. It is probif you say I know it," said Mr. Bar- able the commissions will visit Indian Head and interesting points along the lower Potomac before returning to Washington.

U. S. Secretaries to Reply. The secretaries will officially rep

resent the United States Government on this extraordinary occasion. Both probably will make brief responses

to the tributes to Washington.

Foreign Secretary Balfour retired to the quietude and seclusion of his (Continued on Second Page.)

McADOO PRAISES WOMEN

Lauds Them for Patriotism They Have Shown in Crisis.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdot Asked by Commissioner Newman if he could point to any instances show in the difference in the attitudes of the utilities regarding the work of the utilities regarding the work of the utilities regarding the work of the utilities.

Mr. McAdoo told them that the were always willing to discuss any fea. United States is not in the war for ture of construction with officials of gain or for any selfish motive, but to the valuation bureau.

"KILL ALL DOGS AND CATS" Council of Defense Receives Plea for

Food Conservation. Extermination of dogs and cats at an economic move is urged in a let ter before the Council of National De

Letters of similar purport have reached the White House and several departments, indicating an organized

15-CENT LOAF IN CLEVELAND Increase in Price of Bread Amounts

to 20 Per Cent. CLEVELAND, April 28.—The 15-cent loaf of bread has been introduced here by one of the largest baking companies in the city. The change in sizes and prices of loave amounts to ar increse in price of 20 per cent. Other baking companies are planning similar changes.

GUATEMALA BREAKS HAIG FLANKS FOE'S DEFENSE

End of Emergency Trenches.

ate Counter-Attacks With Fearful Losses.

Great Britain has extended her "dangerous area," and has warned all shipping of this fact.

The new area spetches out to more than double the size of the mine field previously laid off Jutland, Germany's harbor entrances and the Dutch coast. By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES AFIELD, April 28.—British troops have turned the German "Wotan Half the village of Oppy, beline." lieved to be the northermost town of this German defense front, was captured today in desperately hot fighting.

For the first time Great British Arleux, a triffic turtue, pay public tribute, through Foreign Arleux, a triffic turtue, pay public tribute, to the memory of also fell to the tremendous British assault.

Information from other sections of

They struck hard and fast at massed German forces—and swarmed over into a Ger-man trench running south of the ahould have got them on record, and of democracy because of the deepin its attitude and told every one of them so, and told my men they. The members of the replaced in the so, and told my men they. The members of the replaced in tributes would forces—and swarmed over into a German trench running south of the Scarpe. There they stuck fast despite tremendous blows launched by the Germans. Not even literal melting its attitude and told every one in France and England.

The members of the two commissions will go to Mt. Vernon tomorrere co-operating with us and that he reason why they were not doing yacht, the Mayflower, as the guests stopped the desperate enemy counter of the state of the state of the face of machine gun fire and the state of the state of the desperate enemy counter thrusts.

BATTLING ON WHOLE FRONT Berlin Reports Breakdown of Ter-

rific British Attacks BERLIN, via London, April 28.— Tremendous fighting along both the French and British fronts, but with the enemy's most vigorous efforts to

advance repulsed, was reported in to "Yesterday afternoon at Monchy

several British attacks broke down with heavy losses," the statement "Today at dawn the artillery fire increased to extreme violence around Loss and also at St. Quentin, and an infantry battle began over the whole front."

QUAKE DESTROYS TOWN

Entire Italian Village Reported To Be Wiped Out.

ROME, April 28. The entire village tary disciplinary measures.

Monterchi was destroyed in the earthquake of yesterday, according to word received here today. Complete asualties are not yet available.

Thirty persons were se- as follows: verely injured. Citerna was almost ompletely wrecked, thirty being its own true char aught in the wreckage and injured, theless it is not n At Anghiard and San Sepolcio there oneself politically and are camping out in the open.

to the Crown Prince.

KAISER DEFIED BY SOCIALISTS

Enter Oppy and Arleux at North Members of Reichstag and Landtag Ask Walkout on May Day.

BATTLE STILL CONTINUES DISSATISFACTION SPREADS

Our Allies Beat Back Desper- Reports From Every Quarter of Germany and Austria Tell of Dissension.

> AMSTERDAM, April 28.-Directly ontrary to the government's appeals. the Socialist members of the Reichstag and the Prussian Landtag have adopted resolutions favoring a general strike on May day, according to Berlin dispatches today.

Austrian Paper Approves. AMSTERDAM, April 28 .- "A twen

y-four-hour general strike on May would prove we agree with the Russian proletariat's own desire and that we war without demand for annexation of land or indemnities," declared Vienna Arbeiter Zeitung to

day.

Vienna dispatches received here indicated other Austrian newspapers besides the Arbeiter Zeitung were supporting the general May Day strike idea.

Enemies Blamed.

THE HAGUE, April 28.-Germany blames her enemies for much of the industrial discontent now apparent, according to information from Berlin reached here today.

Because of this suspicion, it was hinted, the government is taking

frastic measures to prevent any stoppage of work in munition fac-

Apparently May Day is neverthe less awaited with considerable ap-prehension. Those behind the gen-eral strike are planning it as a showing of strength and bending every energy to carry plans through for utter paralysis of all industries. Unrest, due to curtailment of food, weariness, and to desire for franchise reform is aiding in the plan.

Turkey Ready for Peace.

BERLIN (via London), April 28. Turkey is ready for peace or ready for continued war," declared Talast. Pasha, Turkish vizier, here for conference with Berlin officials.

"Turkey does not desire annexation

"We have not altered one whit our treatment of Americans because of America's assumption of belligerency against the central powers."

They were: James Gillespie, of New York: Allen McLain, of Garrison, Md.: Henry Houston, of Philadelphia: Groom Walker, of Chicago, and Harry W. Craig, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Resent Proclamation.

AMSTERDAM, April 28. General Groener's proclamation demanding that workers call off their strike and bitterly exceriating strikers as guilty of treason, has aroused considerable resentment among German Socialists, Berlin dispatches indicated today. Formal protest against Groener's manifesto was registered by several Socialists in yesterday's meeting of he Reichstag committee

David Sohn, one of these, predicted forcible measures against the workers would be undertaken by the government if demands such as Groener's are disregarded. Other Berlin dis-patches hinted that the government may decide to classify all munition workers as soldiers, forcing them to

more in favor of a democracy was evidenced today by an extract from Ten persons were killed in the carthquake shocks at Tuscany and Umbria, an official statement assert-

"A great people should surely keep its own true characteristics; never-theless it is not necessary to isolate

The Plot Against Princess Luisa

Kaiser Wilhelm will appear in The Times tomorrow.

in interest the two preceding articles of the

The third of the remarkable series of exposes of intrigue in the court of

The true story of the elopement of the Princess with a French tutor surpasses

Written for THE TIMES by Count von Heltzendorff, late personal adjutant

Secrets of the Hohenzollerns

In The Times Tomorrow

BILL FOR ARMY OF 1,900,000 MEN AS FORCED SERVICE REMODELED IN HOUSE

Here is a summary of the House army bill as it will be approved following the elimination of the section authorizing the calling of

Authorizes President to raise, organize, equip, and officer the regular army to maximum strength of 287,000 men, and national guard to approximately 625,000 men.

Provides, under selective conscription, that President in addition shall raise a force of 500,000 men. In his discretion, President shall raise and train a second army of

500,000 men. Total armed forces contemplated, 1,900,000 men. Makes liable to military service all male citizens, except alien

enemies, between twenty-one and forty years old, inclusive. Exempts from military service the Vice President, legislative, executive, and judicial officers of the United States and the several States, persons belonging to recognized religious organizations whose creeds are against war; ministers of any religious denomination.

President given discretion to exempt, or draft for partial service: Custom house clerks; persons handling mails; workmen employed in arsenals, navy yards, and armories; persons engaged in industries necessary to maintenance of the military establishments; pilots and mariners of merchant marine; persons having dependent families; all persons morally and physically deficient.

\$4,000,000 DEAL IN TAFT PAYS CALL MASS. AVENUE LAND

Co. Buys Big Near-Urban Development.

One of the largest real estate transactions ever made in the District was the unsold property in the Massachusetts Avenue Heights development former President lef was transferred to B. Houston Mc-ceney, of J. W. Thompson & Co. Inc. The deal involves about \$4,009,000. Mr. Taft came to Wa

being based upon the marked prices for about four and one-half million feet of the paperty which, up to to-day, was offered for sale through the Thomas J. Fisher Company. This concern acted as agents for the own-ers in the deal and Randall Hagner

represented the purchasers.

Mr. Thompson is a grandson of the late John W. Thompson, whose extates had the largest single interest in the development.

The handling of the property will

probably pass from Fisher and Com-pany to the Thompson Company. BALTIMORE BOY DECORATED

Five U. S. Ambulance Drivers Win French War Cross. PARIS, April 28 .- Five American am-

has military bulance drivers today were France terally strength enough to hold out indefi-further nitely. Our harvest prospects this under fire." They were: James Gillespie, of New

Henry Houston, of Philadelphia;
Groom Walker, of Chicago, and Harry
W. Craig, of Cleveland, Ohio.
The official citation in dispatches
declared this quintet stuck to their
tasks of carrying out wounded under
continuous bombardment of German
guns. The ambulances operated by
Gillespie and McLain were both dam
aged by Shells, but they and their
coileagues all succeeded in bringing
in their wounded. This was on
mission to Russia. their wounded. This was on mission to Russia

STRAUS OFFERED POST

Former Cabinet Member May Go With Root Commission.

After he had called at the Whit House today it became known definitely that Oscar S. Straus, former Secretary of Commerce and Labor, had been of-

ommission to Russia.
"I have nothing to say," was the only statement Mr. Straus would make. Mr. minister and later am-

fered a place on the proposed American

ALL FRENCH READ MESSAGE Wilson's War Address Placarded

Everywhere, Says Viviani. President Wilson's message asking Congress to declare a state of war against Germany has been placarded was great damage done by the tremors, but no lives lost. Most of the from this isolation if it wishes to enline from this isolation if it wishes to engovernment. This was brought out in a speech made vy Vice Premier Vivinand are camping out in the open. embassy last night.

Member of J. W. Thompson & Says He Didn't Come to Volunteer for a Commission in the Army.

William Howard Taft called at the White House shortly after noon today consummated this morning when all to pay his respects to President Wilson. The two had a short chat. The former President left Washington

Mr. Taft came to Washington to attend a meeting of the central committee of the American Red Cross, of which he is chairman. The meeting was held at the new Red Cross building and, unaccompanied, the former

House. Arriving at the Executive offices, he was greeted first by Joseph Murphy chief of the Secret Service squad, and Patrick McKenna, who was his doorkeeper when he occupied the White House. He shook hands heartily with both and then went back to the offices of Secretary Tumulty, where he cor-dially greeted Rudolph Porster, executive clerk, and Thomas W. Brahany,

Wants No Commission.

Mr. Taft and Secretary Tumulty joked and chatted while Mr. Forster ence of the distinguished visitor. "No, I didn't come to volunteer for a

sponse to a query about his mission.

Talked on Red Cross

When Mr. Taft left the White House he said he merely had discussed Red Cross matters with the President. It is understood that plans for large dis-tributions of funds and for the rais-ing of additional money in the United States were discussed.

Mr. Taft also dropped in at the War Department today to obtain in-formation as to the part the Yale batteries will play in the war. He appeared in the most robust health. He "dropped off in Washington yesterday," he said, to dine with Balfour.

SELF-SACRIFICE WEEK

Sixth Division School Pupils to Give To Red Cross Fund. of the Red Cross fund will be observed by the boys and girls of the Sixth Division of Public Schools beginning

Monday Every penny they would spend for more or less perfunctory. candy, motion pictures, cakes, ice ream, and other toothsome pleasures is going to be given to the Red Cross. In each of the eleven schools in the division boxes will be hung up. Every class room will have its own bank, and at the end of every day the money will be cour what class is doing best. counted to see

\$10,000 MAN, ENLISTS

Greeley departed for Chicago after women and children in England waitattending a farewell dinner given in ing to get back home.

his honor at the Planters' Hotel by friends.

The British government had refused to allow them to travel on

WINS IN TEST

House Goes 279 to 98 Against Volunteer Plan, Sitting in Committee of Whole.

APPLAUSE FOLLOWS

Roll Call to Be Had Late Today and Senate Votes by Midnight.

The House voted overwhelmingly today for the conscription of an army to fight Germany.

Sitting in committee of the whole, there it forecast its attitude on the final roll call, due later in the day. the lower body struck from the army bill the "volunteer amendments." The vote was 279 to 98 against the volunteer plan.

The victory for the Administration surprised even the stanchest advocates of the selective draft bill. Possibly no member of the House expected so large a majority against the volunteer amendments and in favor of the Kahn motion to give the President and War Department the sort of legislation they requested.

Wild applause greeted the announcement of the vote, which was taken by tellers. Members stood up. clapped their hands, pounded desks, and yelled. Roll Call Late Today. A roll call on final passage of the army bill will be had late this after-It is the program of the

House leaders to send their bill to

the Senate before tonight, in the hope that the Senate will take the measure as approved by the lower body and avoid the necessity for a

The Senate has agreed to vote be-Administration suporters had not claimed more than a mejority of one hundred for the conscription plan. The fact that the Military Affairs Committee had reported the bill with a volunteer amendment was believed to augur for at least a reasonably strong vote for the Dent-Anthony volunteer amendments.

Speaker Champ Clark, who made one of the principal speeches for a try-out of the volunteer system be-fore establishing the selective draft, remained true to his previous convic tions today. Miss Jeannette Rankin, Congressman Kitchin, the majority

leader, was attending a committee meeting, and was not present when the vote by tellers was taken. Min-ority Leader Mann voted for the Kahn amendment. Language Stricken Out. All the language relating to the

volunteer system was stricken out of the bill by the Kahn motion. This action of the House, taken in committee of the whole, but certain to be approved on final roll call, left the army bill a conscription measure pure and simple.
All yesterday afternoon and last night the Administration's conscrip-

tion plan gained ground.

Congressman Kahn's speech, delivered earlier in the day, was regarded as a body blow for the volunteerists, and is believed to have brought many wavering members into line for the Administration bill.

The House was again roused to a high pitch of enthusiasm when the minority leader, Mr. Mann, broke his silence and declared flatfootedly for the selective draft. He opposed the granting of a special con the Roosevelt volunteers,

Feared It Might Succeed.

Congressman Fitzgerald, Democrat. of New York, said he had decided to support the selective draft, "not be cause 1 am afraid the volunteer Self-sacrifice week for the benefit system might fail, but because I fear it might succeed."

Chairman Dent, of the Military Af-fairs Committee, surprised the House by the briefness of his closing argu-No candy, no "movies," and gee! ment in favor of the volunteer bill, it's going to be tough because it's His utterances indicated the hopeless-warm next week - no ice cream cones. "Uncle Joe" Cannon delivered &

speech against the conscription legis-lation. Mr. Cannon also assailed the "propaganda" for closing down the breweries and distilleries and hibiting the sale of liquors during the

WIVES ON BALFOUR SHIP

Back Home After Visits.

to Shoulder Gun.

ST. LOUIS, April 28.—Carlos S. Greeley, St. Louis representative of E. H. Rollins & Son, New York brokers, has given up his \$10,000 a year position to fight for Uncle Sam at \$18 a month. He will go to San Francisco to serve in the coast patrol.

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Greeley's friends hope to raise suf-ficient money to buy a submarine chaser and present it to the Govern-ment.

Tused to allow them to travel on the passenger liners from Liverpool to New York because their presence increased the danger to those on board in case submarine attacks

Helpmeets of Canadian Soldiers Sent